Seting up a Spinning Mill in Meghalaya

2480. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cotton is produced in Garo Hills in Meghalaya;

(b) whether there is any plan to establish any spinning mill to utilise raw cotton of the area and help peasants of the region thereby; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider to set up one in future?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Government does not directly set up any textile unit as investments are purely subject to economic considerations and viability of such units. However, eligible units can avail themselves the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme when the same becomes operational.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (1996-97) of the National Foundation for Communal Harmony, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

. (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Foundation for Communal Harmony, New Delhi, for the year 1996-97, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above [Placed in Library. See No. L.T. 2503/99]

I. Report and Accounts (1996—98) of the Birds Jute and Exports Limited, Calcutta and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1997-98) of the Jute Manufactures Development Council, Calcutta and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Birds Jute and Exports Limited, Calcutta, for the year 1996-97, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.

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(ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Birds Jute and Exports Limited, Calcutta, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.

(2) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

[Placed in Library See No. LT 2721/ 99]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(a) Thirteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Jute Manufactures Development Council, Calcutta for the year 1997-98, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working on the above Council.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above

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Notifications of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY